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1. SUMMARY. DEATH PRESIDENTIAL NAVAL AIDE PLUNGES NATION INTO OFFICIAL MOURNING WHILE WHILE TRUCK OWNERS STRIKE CONTINUES. PATRIA Y LIBERTAD DISAVOWS ASSOCIATION WITH CRIME. OTHER VIOLENCE REPORTED IN SANTIAGO AND ELSEWHERE. PDC PRESIDENT ANNOUNCES HE WILL MEET MONDAY TO "DIALOGUE" WITH ALLENDE. END SUMMARY.

2. DEATH OF PRESIDENT'S NAVAL AIDE-DE-CAMP ARTURO ARAYA MOURNED THROUGHOUT COUNTRY WITH FINGER POINTING ACCUSATIONS BEING LEVELLED AT EXTREMISTS OF BOTH SIDES. INCIDENTS SURROUNDING ARAYA'S DEATH STILL CONFUSING. POSSIBILITY EXISTS THAT ATTACK NOT PREMEDIATED

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AND THAT ARAYA, IN EFFECT, INNOCENT OR PARTICIPATING BYSTANDER.

ALL PRESS REPORTS SEEM TO AGREE THAT SHOOTING PRECEDED BY ONE OR TWO LOUD EXPLOSIONS NEAR HIS SANTIAGO HOME AROUND 1:30 A.M. JULY 27. ARAYA, DRESSED IN PAJAMAS AND ARMED WITH A MACHINE GUN, APPARENTLY WAS INVESTIGATING NOISE FROM HIS BALCONY AND WAS SHOT BY INDIVIDUALS FLEEING THE SCENE. ONE UNCONFIRMED REPORT STATES THAT EXPLOSION OR EXPLOSIONS EMANATED FROM GOVT-OWNED (INDAP) TRUCK AND THAT ARAYA'S DEATH CAUSED BY 22 CALIBRE BULLET. PATRIA Y LIBERTAD LEADER ROBERTO THIEME INTERVIEWED THIS MORNING ON PN'S RADIO AGRICULTURA BLAMED DEATH ON COLD-BLOODED MARXIST-LENINIST DECISION TO DIVERT ATTENTION FROM TRUCK STRIKE, EXPRESSED CONDOLENCES, DISAVOWED P Y L RELATIONSHIP WITH CRIME, AND OFFERED HIMSELF FOR INTERROGATION TO NAVAL, BUT NOT CIVILIAN, OFFICIALS. ONE REPORT FILTERING THROUGH LOCAL PRESS CORPS IS THAT NAVY ADMIRALS MET MORNING JULY 27 AND DECIDED TO PRESS FULL SPEED AHEAD WITH THEIR PROSECUTION OF ARMS CONTROL LAW.

2. PDC PRES AYLWIN ACCEPTED ALLENDE'S CALL FOR OPEN DIALOGUE AND TOLD PARTY MEETING EVENING JULY 26 THAT HE WILL MEET WITH PRES NEXT MONDAY MORNING. AYLWIN AFFIRMED THAT DECISION RESPONSE TO CARDINAL'S CALL FOR PEACE AND GENERALIZED BELIEF THAT "THINGS JUST CANNOT CONTINUE AS THEY ARE." AYLWIN ALSO MADE CLEAR THAT PDC CONCERNS AS PRESENTED IN HIS JULY 11 SPEECH REMAIN UNCHANGED. UNSTATED IN HIS ACCEPTANCE OF DIALOGUE AT THIS TIME IS THE IMPLICIT DOWNGRADING OF THOSE DEMANDS FROM PRECONDITIONS TO TOPICS OF DISCUSSION. SIGNIFICANT ELEMENT IN AYLWIN'S STATEMENT WAS PDC SUGGESTION THAT PRESIDENT SHOULD APPOINT CABINET THAT WILL "GUARANTEE" THAT GOVT ABIDE BY NATION'S LAWS AND CONSTITUTION. AYLWIN DID NOT MENTION MILITARY BY NAME BUT INTENT OF REMARKS UNDERSCORED BY PDC-OWNED LA PRENSA'S FEATURING OF PARAGRAPH CONCERNING "GOVT. OF GUARANTEE" ON FRONT PAGE.

3. IN ANOTHER SPEECH SAME DAY MINECON ORLANDO MILLAS TOLD COMMUNIST MEETING THAT PARTY SUPPORTED PRESIDENT'S CALL FOR DIALOGUE, REPEATED PRESIDENTIAL SLAM AGAINST EXTREME RIGHT AND LEFT AND PLEAS FOR INCREASED PRODUCTION AND GREATER PROBITY IN GOVT ENTERPRISES.

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4. TRUCK OWNERS (SIDUCAM) STRIKE ENTERED SECOND DAY WITH REPORTS OF VIOLENCE IN VARIOUS AREAS. NO ADDITIONAL "GREMIALISTA" ORGANIZATIONS HAVE PUBLICLY JOINED STRIKE. GOC HAS APPOINTED JAIME FAIVOVICH, SUB-SEC PUBLIC WORKS AND TRANSPORT (EX-INTENDENTE OF SANTIAGO AND FAR LEFT SOCIALIST FIRE-EATER) AS INTERVENTOR OF ALL STRIKING TRUCKS BUT AS YET NO ACTION TOWARD OF VEHICLES HAS BEEN REPORTED. REPORTS FROM MOST PROVINCES SAY SIDUCAM PROVINCIAL AFFILIATES ARE PARKING VEHICLES IN

SINGLE CENTRAL LOCATION AND MAINTAINING MEMBER GUARD FORCE FOR PROTECTION AGAINST REQUISITION. ONE REPORT FROM PN SOURCE INDICATES MANY SANTIAGO TRUCKS HAVE BEEN TAKEN TO VALPARAISO PROVINCE MASSING SITES ON THEORY THAT NAVAL FORCES LESS LIKELY TO COMPLY WITH GOVT SEIZURE ORDERS IF ISSUED.

5. IN RESPONSE TO STRIKE GOVT HAS INSTITUTED RATIONING OF PETROLEUM PRODUCTS. ARMY TROOPS GUARDING SANTIAGO GAS STATIONS AFTER EARLY MORNING JULY 26 INCIDENTS IN WHICH ARMED MEN ATTACKED NUMEROUS (REPORTS VARY BETWEEN 8 AND 36) GAS STATIONS AND CUT PUMP HOSES. PRESS REPORTS, CONFIRMED BY PERSONAL EXPERIENCE ONE EMBOFF, ATTEST TO DEBUT NEW TYPE OF HIGHWAY SABOTAGE: PLASTIC BAGS FILLED WITH OIL AND LARGE NAILS. THESE APPEARED ON SOME SANTIAGO STREETS LAST EVENING. DEVISE TECHNOLOGICAL ADVANCE OVER WELL KNOWN "MIGUELITOS" USED IN LAST OCTOBER'S SHUTDOWN. NEW PRODUCT ADDS SKID-PRODUCING OIL TO FLAT-CAUSING SPIKES. JULY 27 LA SEGUNDA REPORTS BOMB THROWN AT 1:45 THIS A.M. AT NORTH KOREAN EMBASSY LOCATED ABOUT 2 KMS FROM SCENE OF ARAYA'S DEATH.

6. VARIOUS VIOLENT INCIDENTS REPORTED IN OTHER AREAS OF COUNTRY. IN CONCEPCION OFFICES COMMUNIST-RUN RADIO STATION BOMBED AND TRUCKS BELONGING TO INDAP ALSO HIT WITH DYNAMITE STICKS. USIS OFFICER ON SCENE REPORTS RADIO STATION HAD BEEN ON RECEIVING END OF BOTH MIR AND P Y L CRITICISM. OTHER REPORTS INDICATE HIGHWAY CONFLICTS BETWEEN STRIKING TRUCKERS AND UP-AND MIR-LED WORKERS. PRESS CONTACTS REPORT HIGHWAY BRIDGE NEAR TEMUCO AND RAILROAD TRACKS NEAR CONCEPCION DYNAMITED.

7. JULY 25 MID-DAY SHOOT-OUT BETWEEN UNION LEADERS OF TEXTILE PLANT PANOS CONTINENTAL (SANTIAGO WOOLEN PLANT LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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